

TERROR THREAT SNAPSHOT

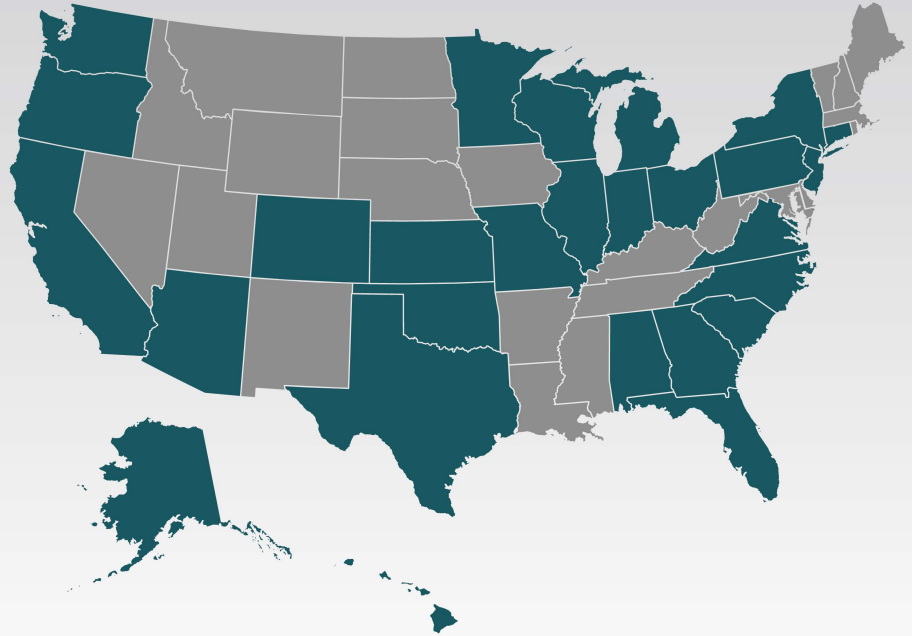
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THE PERSISTENT TERROR THREAT TO AMERICA

Since 2013...

150 HOMEGROWN JIHADIST CASES in **30 STATES** for...

- ✓ PLOTS TO ATTACK
- ✓ OVERSEAS TRAVEL
- ✓ FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- ✓ LYING TO AUTHORITIES
- ✓ WEAPONS CHARGES



Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin

ISIS-LINKED PLOTS AGAINST THE WEST SINCE 2013



75 cases where ISIS used/attempted to build/use **EXPLOSIVES**



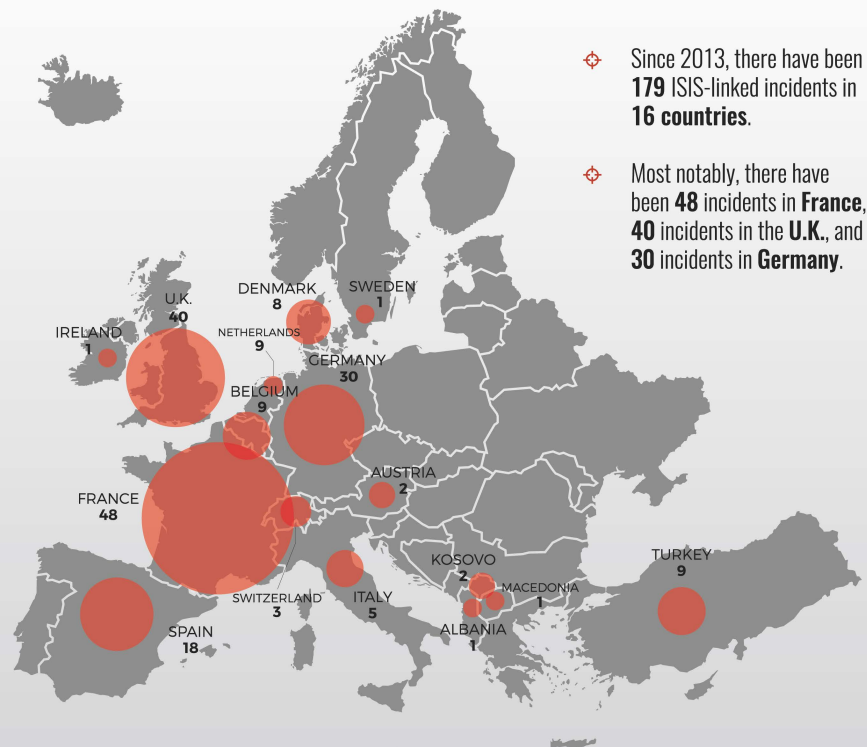
56 cases where ISIS used an **EDGED WEAPON**



20 cases where ISIS used a **VEHICLE** as a weapon

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ISIS' TERROR CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE



KEY POINTS¹

- ◆ This month saw a spike in homegrown Islamist incidents with four arrests in the United States for providing material support to ISIS. Two of those arrested also offered to commit attacks on behalf of the organization. These arrests bring the total number of homegrown jihadist cases in the U.S. since 2013 to 150.
- ◆ [December 12, 2017](#): Akayed Ullah, 27, a Bangladeshi immigrant living in Brooklyn, attempted to carry out the first suicide bombing in the U.S. Inspired by ISIS, Ullah built a low-tech explosive device that he detonated on the subway, wounding four, including himself.
- ◆ [December 20, 2017](#): A 29-year-old German citizen, Dasbar W, was arrested by German officials for planning an attack in Karlsruhe. The man has connections to ISIS and planned to ram a vehicle into crowds.
- ◆ [December 17, 2017](#): Russian security services foiled an ISIS attack in St. Petersburg thanks to intelligence collected and provided by the CIA. Terrorists planned to bomb the Kazan Cathedral and other buildings in the city.
- ◆ ISIS recruiter Abdullah Ibrahim al-Faisal [was sanctioned by the U.S. Department of the Treasury](#) for actions that directly contributed to attacks on innocent people around the world. Widely regarded as a key facilitator of people and material support, the designation by Treasury will greatly diminish his capabilities. Faisal is currently facing extradition proceedings in Jamaica.

HOMEGROWN ISLAMIST EXTREMISM

- ◆ Cases of homegrown Islamist extremism in the U.S. continue to be an issue of concern. Since 2013, there have been 150 homegrown jihadist cases in the United States.

Recent Developments

- ◆ [December 11, 2017](#): Kaan Sercan Damlarkaya, 18, of Houston, Texas was arrested for providing material support to a terrorist organization. Damlarkaya attempted to provide bomb-making instructions to an undercover F.B.I. agent whom he believed to be a member of ISIS.
- ◆ [December 17, 2017](#): Zoobia Shahnaz, 27, of Brentwood, New Jersey, was arrested for providing material support to ISIS. Shahnaz laundered fraudulently obtained money through cryptocurrencies, before transferring the funds to ISIS.
- ◆ [December 18, 2017](#): Nicholas Young, 38, of Alexandria, Virginia was sentenced to 60 years in prison for providing material support to ISIS. Young, a former D.C. Metro police officer, had been under F.B.I. surveillance for six years.
- ◆ [December 18, 2017](#): Omar Faraj Saeed Al Hardan, 25, an Iraqi refugee living in Houston, Texas was sentenced to 16 years in prison for attempting to provide material support to ISIS.
- ◆ [December 19, 2017](#): David Daoud Wright, 28, of Everett, Massachusetts was sentenced to 28 years in prison for plotting an attack in the name of ISIS. Wright planned to behead an anti-Islam activist, and encouraged his uncle to attack law enforcement officials.

¹ Unless otherwise specified, incidents included in this report span October 1 through October 31. All figures are based on open-source and government data compiled and analyzed by the Majority Staff of the Homeland Security Committee.

- ◆ [December 22, 2017](#): Everitt Aaron Jameson, 26, of Modesto, California was arrested for attempting to provide material support to ISIS. Jameson offered to provide financial assistance, as well as carry out an attack, on behalf of the group.
- ◆ [December 30, 2017](#): Sean Andrew Duncan of Sterling, Virginia was arrested for obstructing a terrorism investigation. During a FBI search of his home, he attempted to flee and destroy digital storage devices. Duncan had been reported to the FBI by a relative after he publicly voiced his approval of Westerners being beheaded in the Middle East.

ISIS IN THE WEST

Recent Developments

- ◆ [December 6, 2017](#): Husnain Rashid, 31, of Lancashire, England was arrested for encouraging terror attacks against Prince George.
- ◆ [December 13, 2017](#): German police conducted a series of raids, resulting in the arrests of four people suspected of being members of ISIS. The unnamed suspects are between the ages of 18 and 21, and three of them are Syrian nationals. The suspects were planning a large attack.
- ◆ [December 13, 2017](#): Madihag Taheer, 22, and Ummar Mirza, 21, a couple living in Birmingham, England, were sentenced to 16 years in prison for planning a knife attack on either a Jewish or military target. The couple consumed extremist material online, including ISIS execution videos, and had practiced stabbing and slashing a dummy in their home.
- ◆ [December 13, 2017](#): Mohammed Abbas Idris Awan, 24, of Huddersfield, England was arrested for plotting an attack on behalf of ISIS.
- ◆ [December 20, 2017](#): A 29-year-old German citizen, identified only as Dasbar W, was arrested for plotting an attack on behalf of ISIS in Karlsruhe, Germany. Dasbar planned to use a vehicle to attack pedestrians around an ice rink in the city center.
- ◆ [December 20, 2017](#): Belal Betka, 25, of Sydney, Australia was arrested for “incursion into a foreign country with the intention of engaging in hostile activities.” Betka is the first Australian to be charged with an incursion offence, which makes entering a foreign country with the intent to engage in hostile activity illegal, and may face life in prison for travelling to Raqqa, Syria in 2015.
- ◆ [December 21, 2017](#): Atiq Ahmed, 34, of Oldham, England was arrested for “possessing documents likely to be useful to someone planning an act of terrorism.” The documents were multiple copies of ISIS’ Rumiya magazine.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISLAMIST TERROR

ISIS

Recent Non-Western ISIS Plots/Attacks

- ◆ [December 17, 2017](#): ISIS Khorasan (ISIS-K) claimed an attack on a Methodist church in Quetta, Pakistan that left seven dead and injured more than 20.
- ◆ [December 18, 2017](#): Three ISIS-K militants attacked an intelligence training center in Kabul with a car bomb and RPGs. All of the attackers were killed, and there were no military or civilian casualties.

- ◆ [December 20, 2017](#): ISIS Sinai Province claimed an attack on an Egyptian air base that left one officer dead and wounded two others. The attack occurred near the site where the group carried out an attack on a mosque that killed 300 last month.
- ◆ [December 28, 2017](#): An ISIS-K suicide bomber killed 41 and wounded 84 in an attack on a Shia cultural center in Kabul. The bomber infiltrated a crowd of around 100 gathering in the center, which was located in the basement of a building that also houses the Afghan News Agency.

AL QAEDA

Operations Against Al Qaeda

- ◆ [December 1, 2017](#): Two Syrian immigrants were arrested in the Netherlands for being members of Nusra Front between 2012 and 2015. They traveled to the Netherlands as refugees, and were arrested with two other Syrian refugees who were not charged with terror-related crimes.
- ◆ [December 5, 2017](#): Omar bin Khatab, a senior Al Qaeda commander in Afghanistan, and second in command of the affiliated Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), was killed in a joint U.S.-Afghan strike.

BOKO HARAM

Recent Boko Haram Attacks

- ◆ [December 18, 2017](#): Four civilians were killed in an attack on an aid convoy in Borno state, Nigeria.

TALIBAN

Recent Taliban Attacks

- ◆ [December 1, 2017](#): Five Taliban militants launched an attack on a university in Pakistan, killing nine and wounding 37. The terrorists, dressed as women, were armed with guns and suicide vests, which they did not detonate. All five attackers were killed by police.

Operations Against the Taliban

- ◆ [December 3, 2017](#): Afghan forces killed Mullah Shah Wali, the commander of the Taliban's so-called "Red Unit," along with two other commanders, in an airstrike in Helmand province. The "Red Unit" serves as the Taliban equivalent of special forces, and is one of the most well-equipped units in the organization.

AL-SHABAAB

Recent Al Shabaab Attacks

- ◆ [December 14, 2017](#): An Al Shabaab suicide bomber attacked a police training camp in Mogadishu, killing 18 and wounding 15.

SELECT PLOTS/ATTACKS BY OTHER ISLAMIST EXTREMISTS

- ◆ [December 6, 2017](#): An unspecified plot by Islamist terrorists to assassinate British PM Theresa May was foiled by security services.
- ◆ [December 19, 2017](#): Four unidentified men aged 31, 22, 36, and 41 were arrested for plotting an Islamist terror attack in South Yorkshire and Derbyshire, England. Few details have been released, but security services stated that the attack was planned for Christmas.
- ◆ [December 23, 2017](#): An unidentified 30-year-old Syrian man seeking asylum in Sweden was arrested by Danish authorities for plotting a terrorist attack in Copenhagen. The man planned an attack with another asylum-seeker, who was arrested and convicted by German authorities.
- ◆ [December 28, 2017](#): A bombing at a supermarket in St. Petersburg, Russia left 13 people injured. Authorities did not disclose which group was behind the attack. ISIS initially claimed responsibility, but provided no evidence to support their claim.